(c) and (d) The NDDB at the request of Government of Gujarat had agreed to provide 25,000 tons of Refined Mustard Oil. NDDB has also provided 200 MTs of Refined Mustard Oil to the Government of Gujarat for test marketing.

Proposal for introducing fast train like Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express

1394. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce more fast trains like Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Howrah-Jamshedpur and Secunderabad-Vijayawada Sections have been identified for running of Shatabdi Expresses in future. However, there is no proposal to introduce Rajdhani Express.

Check on migration to big cities

1395 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to have a check on migration to big cities in order to avoid ever-increasing population in these cities, resulting in various problems faced by the civic administrations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the services and provide better amenities to the citizens in the metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of the problem of migration of population to big cities. While framing the policies on Urban Development the Union as well as State Governments have kept this in their view. Urban Development being a State subject, it is essentially for the State Government to take necessary action and see that the migration to big cities are curtailed. The Union Government, however, plays a catalystic role in this aspect. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns launched during the Sixth Five Year Plan and extended to the Seventh Five Year Plan has the aim of improving the urban infrastructure in small and medium towns and thereby restraining the unwanted population movement towards big and metropolitan cities. In the Sixth Plan 235 towns with an outlay of Rs. 63.57 crores were covered, while in the Seventh Plan the outlay is Rs. 88 crores and 111 additional towns have been so far covered. For the year 1990-91, an amount of Rs. 25 crores has been earmarked for this scheme.

(c) The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are currently in operational in the cities/towns of the country aimed at providing proper amenities:—

1. The Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums Scheme which envisages a package of basic physical infrastructure services in slums and improving the physical environment of slums.

2. The Urban Basic Services Scheme which aims at improving and upgrading the quality of life of the urban poor.

3. The Pavement Dwellers Scheme for providing shelter to the pavement dwellers in the metropolitan cities.

Urban Development Projects in some major cities assisted by the World Bank and other multi and bilateral agencies which cover sites and services, slum improvement, water supply and sanitation road improvement and public transport.

These are in addition to normal programmes taken up by the State Government and the local bodies concerned for improvement of water supply, sewerage and sanition, road improvements, electricity and public transport.